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METHOD FOR THE SAME
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

13. (New) A method of manufacturing a separator for a fuel cell comprising:
preparing a raw material by mixing a carbon and a resin;
charging the raw material into a predetermined mold;
heat press forming the raw material charged into the mold, and
grinding a surface of the separator which is brought into contact with an adjacent member
to be eliminated when the separator is incorporated into a fuel cell.